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OFFICE OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

Ms. Kathleen Logan Smith  
Missouri Coalition for the Environment  
6267 Delmar Blvd.  
St. Louis, MO 63130

RE: Request Number EPA-R7-2013-005299

Dear Ms. Smith:

This is in response to your request for a reconsideration of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) fee waiver determination dated April 19, 2013. This was regarding your fee waiver request in connection with your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to EPA Region 7 seeking a copy of records regarding the Republic Services' landfills in north St. Louis County, including the Bridgeton Sanitary and the West Lake landfill, as described in your request.

We have reviewed your justification and based on the information provided, we are affirming our denial of your fee waiver request. You have not expressed a specific intent to disseminate the information to the general public. Accordingly, there is no need for this office to address the remaining prongs of the fee waiver criteria. As we indicated in our April 19, 2013 letter, EPA's Region 7 office in Lenexa, Kansas will respond to your information request. If the estimated cost exceeds \$25.00, Region 7 will contact you regarding the cost of processing your request and seek an assurance of payment. They will be unable to process your request until they receive your written assurance of payment.

Under the FOIA, you have the right to appeal this determination to the National Freedom of Information Office, U.S. EPA, FOIA and Privacy Branch, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2822T), Washington, DC 20460 (U.S. Postal Service Only), E-mail: FOIA\_HQ@epa.gov. Only

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items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. If you are submitting your appeal via hand delivery, courier service or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 6416J, Washington, DC 20004. Your appeal must be made in writing, and it must be submitted no later than 30 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 30 calendar day limit. The appeal letter should include the FOI number listed above. For quickest possible handling, the appeal letter and its envelope should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Should you choose to appeal this determination, please be sure to fully address all factors required by EPA's FOIA Regulations, located at 40 C.F.R. § 2.107(l) in your appeal. If you have any questions concerning this determination please contact me at (202) 566-1667.

Sincerely,



Larry F. Gottesman  
National FOIA Officer